

Ltd., the provisions of Section 30B of the MRTPT Act are applicable.

(d) Does not arise.

331 *Navy*
Funds for Ezimala Naval Academy

6049. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for the Ezimala Naval Academy in Kerala till now; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government for the early completion of the institution?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A sum of Rs.1.00 crore has so far been spent and further amount of Rs.2.50 crores has been provided for the Project during the current financial year (1991-92) for undertaking soil investigations, geo-tech studies and other preliminary activities. Action is in hand for the preparation of the Master Plan/Detailed Project Report.

331 *Taxation*
Taxes due against Cochin Shipyard

6050. SHRI REMESH CHENNITHALA:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of tax due from Cochin Shipyard to the Government of Kerala;

(b) the reasons for non-payment of the taxes; and

(c) the steps being taken to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An amount of Rs. 11.73 crores has been claimed by the

Government of Kerala from Cochin Shipyard Limited toward Sales Tax in respect of ships already delivered by them.

(b) and (c). Government of India has urged the Government of Kerala in March, 91, in reply to their request, to exempt Cochin Shipyard from the purview of Sales Tax for ten years during which period the financial position of the Shipyard may improve.

[Translation]

332 *Defence*
Job on Compassionate Grounds

6051. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy for employment on compassionate grounds in various defence departments;

(b) the nature of jobs which are offered on compassionate grounds; and

(c) the number of persons offered employment on this ground during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARD PAWAR): (a) Ministry of Defence follows the policy laid down by Deptt. of Personnel and Training in this regard. As per the existing policy, sons, daughters and near relatives of Government servants who die in harness are eligible for compassionate appointment. A dependent has to apply for such appointment and if it is established that the dependent and the family are in genuinely indigent circumstances, compassionate appointment is offered, subject to availability of vacancies. Such appointments can be made upto 14.5% of the sanctioned strength in Group 'C' posts and 4.5% in Group 'D' posts. In exceptional cases such appointments can exceed these percent-

ages, if the total reservation does not exceed 50%.

(b) Compassionate appointment can only be made in Group 'C' posts of LDC, Storekeeper etc., and in Group 'D' posts of Daftry, Peon, Messenger, Labourer, etc.

(c) The information is being collected.

[English]

Ghost Money System in Cochin Port

6052. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ghost money system has been existing in the Cochin Port;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to abolish this system;

(c) whether the working of the Cochin Port was stopped or slowed down recently due to non-payment of ghost money; and

(d) if so, the number of mandays lost as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It has been reported that the system of ghost money has been existing in the Port. It is reported that payment was being made by steamer agents/stevedores/users to all categories of workers including private categories employed by the users in order to speed up cargo handling operations. The Cochin Port is not connected, in any way, with the payment of ghost money.

(b) The Chairman, Cochin Port Trust held a meeting with the representatives of different chambers of commerce, the Steamer Agents' Association and the steve-

dores on 31.7.91 and it was decided at this meeting to stop this illegal practice of payment of ghost money with effect from 1.8.1991. Accordingly, the Port Management brought it to the notice of all port and dock workers and concerned agencies that drastic steps would be taken against those receiving or paying ghost money.

(c) There has been no stoppage of work due to discontinuance of payment of ghost money. However, after the Port took action to stop illegal payment of ghost money w.e.f. 1.8.1991, the average output/productivity in stuffing/destuffing, loading/unloading of containers and cargo handling in break-bulk had come down considerably. Subsequently the output has gone up, but is yet to reach the pre- 1.8.1991 levels. The situation is being closely monitored by the Port in order to effect further improvements in the productivity.

(d) There has been no stoppage of work due to discontinuance of payment of ghost money. Hence, no mandays were lost.

Setting up of an International Banking Corporation

Question

6053. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up an International Banking Corporation to take over the operations of various overseas branches of the public sector banks excepting the State Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and